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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 02-1227-A)

In re Application of:	)	
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Bao et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson
U. S. Serial No.:	)	
10/735,357	)	Art Unit: 1634
	)	
Filed:	)	
December 12, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 2590
	)	
For: Direct SNP detection with unamplified DNA	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 10, 2006**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated July 10, 2006 which included a restriction requirement. A Petition for an extension of time (two months) is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the extension fee from deposit account 13-2490. It is believed that no additional fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our deposit account 13-2490. Consideration and entry of this response is respectfully requested.

An Amendment to the Claims section can be found on page 2; and

A Remarks section can be found on page 28.